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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent Application.

During a telephone discussion with the Examiner on October 11, 2001, it was acknowledged that the preliminary amendment referred to in the Office Action was filed on December 18, 2000 and therefore did not fall under the new requirements of Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice. However, we have noticed that the present application was given the filing date of April 12, 2001. Accordingly, the preliminary amendment filed December 18, 2000 is deemed to have been filed on April 12, 2001 and should then be in accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice. In view of the above, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 21-30 and amend claims 1-2, 4, 6, 8-11 and 16-19, now on file as follows:

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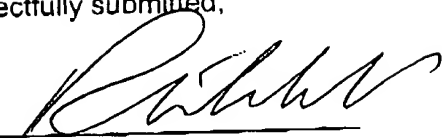
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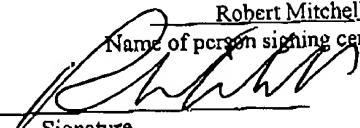
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